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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

David SHAFER, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/734,623

Confirmation No.: 2006

Filed: December 15, 2003



Docket No: Q79028

Group Art Unit: 2873

Examiner: William C. CHOI

For: CATADIOPTRIC PROJECTION OBJECTIVE WITH GEOMETRIC BEAM SPLITTING

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

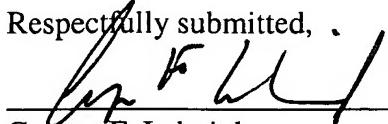
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	
All Claims	54	-	53 = 1 X \$50.00 = \$ 50.00
Independent	7	-	6 = 1 X \$200.00 = \$ 200.00
TOTAL			<u>\$ 250.00</u>

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the excess claim fee of \$250.00 and all other required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In the Office Action of March 30, 2005, the Examiner requests that Applicant select one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

Group I - Claims 1-48 and 50-53, drawn to a catadioptric projection objective; and

Group II - Claims claim 49, drawn to a projection exposure machine.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-48 and 50-53, for immediate examination. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claim 49.

In addition, in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith, Applicant is adding new claim 54, which is drawn to a catadioptric projection objective; and thus should be grouped with Group I and be entitled to immediate examination with claims 1-48 and 50-53.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Since the due date for response fell on a weekend, the filing of this response on Monday, May 2, 2005, is considered timely.

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